

ARIZONA SHORT-TERM DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

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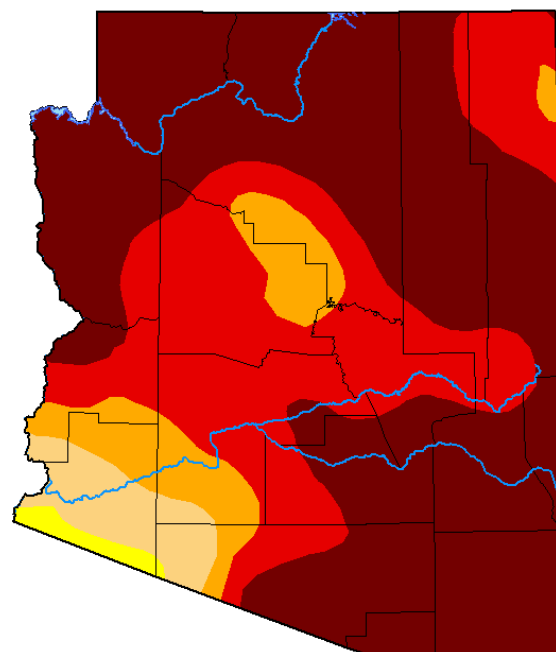
April was very dry across Arizona, with most of the state receiving less than 25% of average precipitation. A few isolated locations in western and southern Coconino, northern Mohave, and central Pima counties received between 0.50 and 1.00 inches of precipitation. This was not enough rain or snow to improve drought conditions in the state.

The small area of Extreme Drought (D3) in Santa Cruz and southern Cochise County was degraded to Exceptional Drought (D4). This change decreased the area of the state in Extreme Drought from 31.8% to 28.8%, while the area in Exceptional Drought increased from 54.8% to 57.8%

Southern Yuma County remains out of drought; however, it is still Abnormally Dry (D0).

Wildfires have already begun with high winds, which is typical of the spring season. And while long-term weather forecasts suggest warmer than normal temperatures through the summer, these also suggest that parts of the state could receive beneficial monsoon rainfall.

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	99.02	94.62	86.56	57.79
Last Week 04-27-2021	0.00	100.00	99.02	94.62	86.56	57.79
3 Months Ago 02-02-2021	0.00	100.00	98.92	94.60	84.77	53.66
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	98.34	93.86	72.69
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.97	69.95	3.37
One Year Ago 05-05-2020	80.60	19.40	13.45	6.77	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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